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H. R. 4843

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Veterans’ Compensation
5 Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**
7 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**
8 **COMPENSATION.**

9 (a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2006, increase the
11 dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-
12 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by
13 the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

14 (b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar
15 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
16 the following:

17 (1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar
18 amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38,
19 United States Code.

20 (2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-
21 ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under
22 section 1115(1) of such title.

23 (3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar
24 amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

1 (4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in
2 effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
3 1311(a) of such title.

4 (5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar
5 amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such
6 title.

7 (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES
8 WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amounts in ef-
9 fect under section 1311(b) of such title and para-
10 graph (1) of section 1311(f) of such title (as redesign-
11 nated by subsection (e) of this section).

12 (7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The
13 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and
14 1311(d) of such title.

15 (8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The
16 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and
17 1314 of such title.

18 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

19 (1) BASE FOR INCREASE.—The increase under
20 subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts
21 specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November
22 30, 2006.

23 (2) PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.—Except as
24 provided in paragraph (3), each such amount shall
25 be increased by the same percentage as the percent-

1 age by which benefit amounts payable under title II
2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)
3 are increased effective December 1, 2006, as a result
4 of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

6 (3) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased
7 pursuant to paragraph (2) shall, if not a whole dol-
8 lar amount, be rounded down to the next lower
9 whole dollar amount.

10 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
11 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
12 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
13 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
14 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of
15 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
16 United States Code.

17 (e) DESIGNATION CORRECTION.—Section 1311 of
18 title 38, United States Code, is amended by redesignating
19 the second subsection (e) (added by section 301(a) of the
20 Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004 (Public Law
21 108–454; 118 Stat. 3610)) as subsection (f).

22 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.**

23 At the same time as the matters specified in section
24 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
25 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of

1 a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act
2 during fiscal year 2006, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
3 shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified
4 in subsection (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to
5 that section.

Passed the House of Representatives June 27, 2006.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.